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ASU President takes on legislature

By J.D. WOLVERTON
Valley Star Staff Writer

"Because of Proposition 78, 45 percent of your tax dollars that goes to education, is going to grades K-12," charged ASU President Don Graham in a recent interview. But the crisis that all community colleges are facing in California now is that a mere 11 percent of that amount is being directed to the community colleges, he noted.

Graham left Van Nuys at the end of last week for a trip to Sacramento, where he will meet with other members of the California Student Association of Community Colleges (CalSacc) to oppose another po-

tentially troublesome Proposition, numbered 174. Slated to go before the voters in the next statewide election, the measure will almost surely result in increased fees for students at the community colleges, according to Graham.

The ASU Executive Council passed a resolution last week opposing Prop. 174 because of its likely draconian effect on fees, Graham said. "It is a rumor I've heard that if Prop. 174 passes, community college fees can skyrocket to \$80-100 per unit." He cautioned, however, that this figure is speculation at this point -- rumor that he's heard around the state.

"We're bending our efforts toward empowering the student body politically so

that this kind of thing doesn't happen again in the future...that the Legislature doesn't look to raising student fees as the only alternative to balancing the community college budget," the ASU President said.

Graham also serves as president of CalSacc's Region 7, which comprises 14 community colleges in the Greater Los Angeles area -- (with a 15th, Rio Hondo College, petitioning to join). He said that CalSacc is presenting a united front against any further fee increase.

"I think the only way we're ever going to be able to keep fees at the present level is if the students vote in all elections. It is synonymous with the well-being of the student population," Graham said.

To this end, CalSacc pressed for passage of AB 1380 in the Legislature's current session. Terming it the Student Voter Rights Act of 1993, Graham said that the aim of the bill was to empower community college students to vote by allowing them to register to vote when they register for classes, and through putting polling stations on campuses at election time.

The bill has passed both houses of the Legislature and is awaiting the governor's signature. Graham expressed the hope that, because of some recent conciliatory gestures from Governor Wilson towards CalSacc, he may sign the bill into law. "This is one of the things I'm going north to find out," Graham said.



"I can't take part in any policy making body" - Ben Padua

Michael Oehler/Valley Star

Fireside debate smolders

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
Valley Star Staff Writer

The ASU Inter-Club Council's (ICC) vote over the proposed change of the Fireside Room into a lounge with video games and pool tables, was expected to provide recommendations to the Executive Council, but the vote was deadlocked Thursday with five yes, five no and 6 abstains.

Student body Vice President Joel Lofton, who also serves as ICC chair, refrained from using his tie-breaking privilege at Thursday's meeting, in order to understand "whatever the students want," before acting.

Meanwhile ASU President Don Graham directed the Student Lounge Committee to take a survey of students.

"We want to get 1000 people for the survey," Graham said.

The power to make the change comes from the Executive Council which plans to get input from various sources before making the decision. Last year's ASU President, Jesse Hernandez, set up the Fireside Lounge Committee to make a recommendation to the executive council.

Along with the committee's recommendation, the ICC voice is heard. ICC members represent the various clubs on campus. "The decision of ICC can weigh heavily," Graham said.

After receiving recommendations the executive council must follow the committee's recommendation unless there is overriding vote with a two-thirds majority.

The executive council consists

of the president of the ASU, the vice president, the treasurer and 20 student commissioners with Dean Spangler as advisor.

Amidst controversy the original committee chairman Ben Padua, stepped down last week. "I was reviewing bylines" and found that as chief justice of the ASU "I can't take part of any policy making body," Padua said.

ASU president Don Graham appointed his brother, John Graham, to chair the committee. John Graham is presently the ASU Attorney General as well. The Fireside Lounge Committee's decision may be in by November, President Graham said.

ASU Public Relations Commissioner David Chavez said the ASU "will not raise a speck of dust until we find a place for people to study."

Students earn units through working

By ROBERT WELSH
Valley Star Staff Writer

With one trip to the Cooperative Education Office, working Los Angeles Valley College students could be earning up to 4 units per semester just for keeping their current jobs.

Hanna Pettersson, director of Cooperative Education, Placements and Internships, said she cannot understand why more people do not participate in the program. "Students working jobs related to their majors, whether paid, unpaid, full or part-time, could be losing valuable credits," she said.

Pettersson said qualifying is easy if the student already has a suitable job. Employment aside participants must carry a minimum of 7 units (including Cooperative Education) and attend one "control class" a week. All units are transferable and since there are no limits on class size, qualified applicants are never turned away.

The program particularly suits students seeking A.A. degrees or students transferring to four-year schools. Pettersson said that companies grow increasingly tired of students who possess diplomas but have no practical field experience. Many universities now require students to complete some sort of directed study before graduation. With assistance from the Cooperative Education office, qualified students could earn those units now.

For future teachers, especially those who anticipate working in the Los Angeles Unified School

District (LAUSD), there is an added bonus. Pettersson advises students that their LAVC units will be applied directly to their rating on the LAUSD salary schedule. Because base pay is determined by the salary schedule, "units earned at Valley can pay off for the rest of a teacher's life," she said.

Many of Pettersson's students work as interns with local radio, cable television, and record companies. Internships are attractive to industry because students working for college credit often qualify for coverage under the program's Workers Compensation Insurance.

In this mutually beneficial arrangement, employees get college credit while employers get relief from the high cost of insurance. "In addition, students have an opportunity to investigate their perspective fields," Pettersson said. By using local companies as extended classrooms, students can assess the latest technology in real situations, on equipment few colleges today can afford, according to the director.

The weekly control class is yet another benefit. The class is designed to help students deal with their career development, and topics include everything from resume writing to interview techniques.

Seminars offered by the office last year drew a dismal response. As a consequence, Pettersson now advises students that not all community colleges have a like program. "Students should get these units now at Valley," she said, "while they have the chance."

News Notes

English Department Writing Center Hour: Writing Center hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Weekly Health Screenings: Weekly health screenings begin October 4 with blood pressure tests on Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., vision tests Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Weight information on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Cross Cultures: All cultures are invited to come together for meetings every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Humanities 102

Outstanding Student Leader Deadline: The deadline for students to apply for the President's Award for Outstanding Student Leader is March 1, 1994. Applications will be made available by Dean of Student Services, Mary Spangler, at Campus Center room 110.

CMIA helps biomed program

By RICHARD MENNA
Valley Star Staff Writer

Thanks to efforts of local medical industry leaders, Los Angeles Valley College's Biomedical Equipment Technician (BET) program is becoming one of the best in the country. In fact, "it is already one of the best in California," said George Panyarachun president of the California Medical Instrumentation Association (CMIA).

This excellence translates into better job opportunities for students, many of whom have found instant employment upon graduation, said Tom Oliver dean of Academic Affairs.

Some, like lucky Hans Lolkart, have even found positions before completing the program. He is now

a test technician at Saint Vincent Medical Center and said he heard of the opening through CMIA contacts he met while still a student.

However, CMIA's contributions to LAVC go far beyond providing excellent networking opportunities. Possibly, the LAVC biomedical program owes its existence to CMIA's timely intervention.

According to "Affinity", Marquette Electronics' newsletter, several years ago, when the college's biomedical program was on the critical list with less than 15 students and an inadequate course selection, the CMIA answered a student's call for help by organizing the Biomedical Advisory Committee (BAC) to help the college redefine the program.

Working with the school, the committee redesigned a course

specifically to help technicians prepare for the certification exam. It also implemented a "team teaching" approach which broke the course into segments such as physiology, electronics, troubleshooting and safety and standards with each segment being taught by a specialist in that area.

The newsletter concludes that the course was a resounding success with more than 30 of the 40 students completing it and many passing the certification exam.

Since then, the BAC has continued to "be the driving force behind the biomed program," and now enrollment is over 70 students, said the committee's chairperson, Les Atles.



Shawn Scott/Valley Star

Les Atles (c) on behalf of the CMIA, presents a check for \$500 to Dr. Mary Lee (r) on Sep. 24 at LAVC.

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The Fireside issue ignites: the two sides debated

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By TIFFINIE P. McENTIRE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Things are getting hot and steamy over at the local Associated Student Union over an issue that many students may or may not know about -- the Fireside Room.

The problem lies within the issue of "Do we (ASU) turn the Fireside Room, a place where students go to study and relax in between classes, into a video arcade/pool hall, to make money for our organization, or do we leave it as it is?"

First of all, who made ASU in charge of turning the only room on campus designed for students comfort and peace, into an entertainment arena? Granted, it is an "ASU room", and Mary Ann Breckell, Administrative Vice President, did give them the okay to do with the room what they wish.

Think about this for just one minute. How will this change of scenery benefit Valley College? Will students get something out of this? Will they become more studious by merely hanging out at the college arcade? Why take away something positive to initiate problems and invite the negative?

"This proposed facility would draw in an undesirable clientele and divert students from the focus of community college-to-study"

If the Fireside Room is turned into a pool hall there is a great risk of on campus gambling and probable heightened gang activity. This proposed facility would draw in an undesirable clientele and divert students from the focus of community college -- to study. There are already video games located in the cafeteria and the book store. If students are looking for a broader selection of games, then maybe they should consider an off campus video arcade.

ASU President Don Graham said that his initial idea is to "change the environment



where students would enjoy remaining or hanging out on campus." What group of students would this change cater to? The students the Fireside Room caters to presently are those who are "hanging out" to study in a safe, comfortable atmosphere.

Graham stated that he is directing a survey regarding this issue amongst the campus clubs. Unfortunately, the local clubs represent only a small percentage of students on campus. For this issue to get the attention and response it should, Graham needs to expand his idea to the greater population of this campus, not just the one within his arms length.

ASU Chief of Justice, Ben Padua told the Star last week that "ASU needs the revenue (from the proposed video games)." Revenue vs. studies -- now that's quite a conflict of interest, especially since the proposed revenue would be a detriment to the students who use that room for studies.

Currently, ASU is divided with regard to the proposed change of the student facility. Since the Fireside Room is a student area, shouldn't the students of this campus be informed of any proposed change? Isn't ASU the Associated Student Union? Maybe it's time for this union of students to the students of which they represent instead of towards someone's own, personal agenda.

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By ANDREW SAMUELSON
Valley Star/Staff Writer

The Fireside Room is a place of "comfort and quiet" and a "refuge" for students, according to Commissioner of Student Welfare, William Jung.

It is a room with a view. The one window view to the campus is next to the fireplace. In front of the fireplace are rows of plastic chairs. To the left of the plastic chairs are more plastic chairs that are stacked on top of each other. Missing are a reclining chair, a sofa, a bean bag and other furniture pieces associated with comfort.

At 11:30 a.m. on Monday, the two doors to the Fireside Room were locked and unless someone was hiding, nobody was inside. It must have been quiet.

But the sanctuary where Valley students can study (in front of a fire, no less) was not only locked, but no one was outside waiting for somebody to open it.

One out of three is not bad. The Fireside Room is quiet, but plastic chairs can not be considered a comfort and because students are not clamoring for the doors of the room to be unlocked, the room can not be considered a refuge.

The ASU is debating whether to change the room from a place of leisurely study to a place of leisurely fun. A proposal to put video games and pool tables in the room, replacing the plastic chairs, is being debated by the Student Lounge Committee.

A place to "hang out," where students could mingle with friends and where campus clubs could meet new members are the reasons given by ASU proponents for making the conversion.

The money generated from the video games and pool table rentals would be split between the ASU and the companies that supply the games and tables.

With a chance to earn money and create some entertainment for students, it is time for Valley College to utilize the space for some harmless fun.

Letters to the Editor

Student agrees with voting policy

Dear Editor:

I have to believe that ASU President Don Graham was quoted correctly in *The Valley Star* (September 16th) I have confidence in the *Valley Star's* competence in reporting.

Is he seriously advocating that non-members of ASU will be able to vote and run for office? This is truly a puzzle wrapped inside a mystery.

He states that a non-member of the ASU becoming president would be a president of all students. Does he have to be told that Dr. Mary E. Lee is president of all the students?

Los Angeles must have thousands of social organizations. Can one be named that allows non-members to vote and hold office?

ASU costs less than five cents a day. It funds the social clubs and dozens of needy and worthy groups on campus. It also keeps the Li-

brary open on Saturdays.

Valley College students are the most generous of students on any campus. The only reason there is not full membership so that everyone could vote and hold office is because the ASU has been negligent in educating the students with what the membership fee does.

Recently, *The Valley Star* with its golden concern for all students, had an article about the deplorable condition of the gym for the disabled students, many in wheelchairs. As of now, they have the devoted care of instructor Jim Gayton as their only asset.

A membership drive promoting fees would go to improve the gym, and raise the spirits of the brave students. It will surely be successful.

Everyone should be a member of ASU. Why is it voluntary to join, to begin with?

Shirley Bass
English Major

Fireside should not be an issue

Dear Editor:

As Commissioner of Public Relations of the Associated Student Union, I am writing in regards to Vicent Nicolettis' article concerning the alleged division of the ASU commissioners over the proposed renovations of the Fireside Room.

The ASU is far from divided in this issue.

The Executive Council has yet to even receive an official report from the Fireside Lounge Committee, there fore it is impossible for the ASU to be 'divided.'

The Fireside Lounge Committee decision to change the room is far from being reached. ASU President Don Graham, and myself refuse to make any alterations to the current condition of the Fireside room without the consent of the student populace.

I myself am a student and often use the Fireside room to study.

This fact has made it a little closer to home. It is an issue which the Fireside Lounge Committee is taking into careful consideration. It is with deep concern that the entire

ASU has taken the necessary measures to consider all of LAVC student's feelings on this matter.

The ASU is here, after all to represent the needs of all students on campus.

The conversion of the Fireside Room should not even be an issue at this time, due to the fact that the committee hasn't even made a final decision.

In Nicolettis' article Commissioner of Student Welfare William Jung, stated that 'there is no such place for students to go-to produce a non-biased committee, commissioner Jung was appointed to the Lounge Committee.

At this time the committees main

concern is to reach an unbiased judgement regarding the student opinion on the Fireside room conversion. They are not debating the flavor of video games but rather if the conversion of the room would leave a bitter taste in the mouths of LAVC students.

David Chavez
ASU Commissioner of
Public Relations

Office asks for students help

Dear Editor:

The following is an open letter to all financial aid students:

There is a proposal to move the financial aid office from its present location inside Monarch Hall across to the southern edge of campus at Bungalow 13. A majority of financial staff DOES NOT support this move. We feel that moving the financial aid office away

from the center of campus and other student services is a tremendous inconvenience and potential security problem for students and staff.

Our concerns have fallen on deaf ears. Please make your opinions known to your student leadership and the campus leadership including the Dean of Student Affairs and the LAVC President and Vice President, otherwise enjoy the long walk to our new proposed location.

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Engineering gets high-tech CAD

By SARY FORNARIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

This semester the engineering department has added 18 new microcomputers to be used in its Computer Aided Design (CAD) classes. The addition ends a process that started eight years ago that aimed to reduce the use of the traditional drafting tables by students, and to allow them to design and test their models with the same technology used by modern industries.

"Now we have some of the latest information and powerful PC's available in computer engineering graphics and design," said Dr. Glenn Thomas who teaches the basic CAD classes. Of the 40 microcomputers in the department, these 18 are "on the leading edge," he said.

According to engineering drafting instructor, Robert Haddock, who also works with the aero-

space company Allied Signa in Sylmar, "these tools are the same ones the industry is using. The software is the same used in the real world. Other colleges are using the basic CAD system."

The 36 drafting tables in the department will not "disappear," Thomas said. "They will be used for sketching." Then the project will be taken to the computer for the simulation or testing stage. Simulation in the computer is "less expensive," he said.

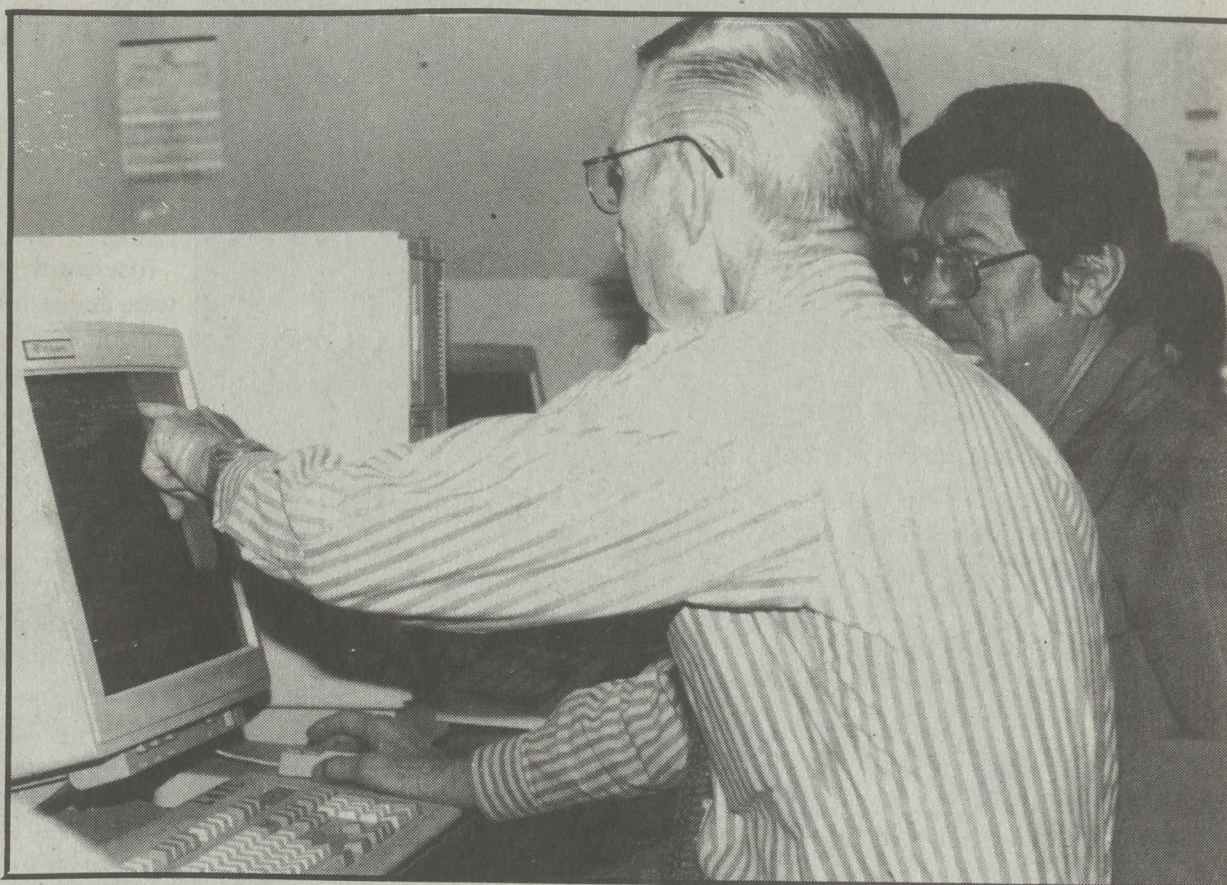
"Converting the system was slow and expensive, said Engineering Department Chairman, Bill Lavoie. "It has taken us eight years to build up to this level and have all this," he said. "Some are new and some are older and slower." The new machines are IBM clones.

The cost per station, Lavoie said, is about \$3,000. That is approximately \$1,800 for the soft-

ware and \$1,200 for the hardware. The prices have been discounted for the school and the money for the purchase was obtained by a grant from the Vocational and Applied Technology Act (VATEA).

The CAD classes are part of the general engineering technology courses and they are not a requirement in the lower division, "but if they (the students) want to get up there, they need the class, because all the math they learned does not amount to a hill of beans if they cannot put their ideas on paper," Lavoie said.

Architecture, electronic technicians, manufacturing, tool design, drafting and family and consumer studies students can profit from this CAD system, Lavoie said. Some students take the classes and become "job shoppers or consultants making up to \$35 per hour," he said.



D'Andre Ford/Valley Star

Dr. Glenn Thomas (l) and student Jesse Lugo working on a project in one of the new microcomputers utilizing the CAD system in the Engineering Department laboratory.

Club caters to women's issues

By JOSHUA FORD
Valley Star Staff Writer

Women are uniting to provide each other with a support group at Los Angeles Valley College. The Women's Action Resource Club is an organization with a new focus on expanding informational and emotional services to women on campus.

An on campus information center and a women's hotline are goals that this semester's club has set. The proposed information center would serve to provide a constantly staffed office to offer women support in times of crisis as well as providing information about issues including women's history, health and education.

The telephone hotline would be available for physically, mentally or sexually abused women and would provide details on getting in touch with other women who share

similar problems.

WARC has been provided with a budget of \$1,000, according to club members. The funds were allocated by the Associated Student Union. In order to receive this money, club members must show that there is public interest in the organization. This is being accomplished with a survey that asks students questions about what women's issues are important to them.

Participants in the club stress that it is not anti-men but pro-women. "I think it's really important for women to come together to talk, to try to break down stereotypes," said club member Stephanie Blair.

"I feel that I have experienced a lot of discrimination and can help women to overcome a lot of hardships," said member Karen Mondia.

The Women's Action Resource

Club is the new name of a four year old club previously called the Pro Choice Club. Members said the name was changed because the previous title forced the club's views on people.

An upcoming event scheduled by the club is the annual women's forum which is scheduled for Oct. 29, 1993. Prominent women from the community as well as leaders from the women's movement are expected to attend and voice their views.

The theme of last year's forum was "The Struggle for Empowerment," and included such speakers as United Nations Representative Terry Barril and Black Employees Association Co-founder Adwoa Nyamekye.

The club meets in room 103 of the Math Resource building. Also, a table is set outside of Monarch Hall on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to promote the club's events.

Student Voter Rights Act collects dust on Governor Pete Wilson's desk

By SHARYN CADIA
Valley Star Staff Writer

A bill that could change the future of college education in California is presently sitting on the governor's desk, collecting dust. It is Assembly Bill 1380, commonly known as the Student Voting Rights Act of 1993, which if passed would be the key to unlocking student power in the state government.

AB 1380 would allow the distribution of voter registration forms and applications for absentee ballots during enrollment or registration in California colleges and provide for polling places on campuses.

The idea was conceived and

sponsored by the leaders of the California Student Association of Community Colleges (CalSACC) and introduced by Assemblywoman Gwen Moore of Los Angeles. The bill passed through the state Assembly and Senate and is currently awaiting Gov. Pete Wilson's approval or veto.

The implications of this bill are enormous, said Associated Student Union (ASU) president Don Graham, "If we put mass voter registration in the hands of college students -- we're talking about 1.4 million students in community colleges -- it would create the largest single voting bloc in the country."

Graham said that these "blocs" can scare the legislators because students don't typically vote and

lawmakers know that. If the measurement is approved by the Governor, he said, student organizations would be stronger, teachers could keep their jobs, classes wouldn't be cut, and fee raises could be held down.

"We could keep the beast to a manageable level with students controlling their own fate," Graham said. "We could compete against the dollars of the special interest groups," he said.

Gov. Pete Wilson has until Oct. 10 to sign or veto the bill. According to the governor's office, "Governor Wilson has not taken a position on AB 1380." Letter in support of the bill can be mailed to: Gov. Pete Wilson, State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814.

CMIA from page 1

On Friday, the CMIA again demonstrated its commitment to LAVC by giving \$500 to the Patrons Association of Los Angeles Valley College, a non-profit organization which supports various Valley College activities.

College President, Dr. Mary Lee, told Atles, who presented the check on behalf of the CMIA, that the funds were much appreciated and would be earmarked for college public relations.

Panyarachun mentioned that the association is also considering making future donations which may take the form of biomedical scholarships and/or equipment.

He said that the CMIA "wants to work with colleges to make sure they produce the best technicians for the industry."

As part of the route to this goal, Panyarachun explained, the association now allows students to become associate members for the nominal fee of \$15 per year. There are monthly meetings where up to date technical information is exchanged and job opportunities are announced.

News Notes

California Nursing Student Association: CNSA invites you all to attend their next meeting on September 30 in room E 102 at 12:15 P.M.

Funds for Faculty: The AFT College Guild local 1521 wants faculty, staff and police members to attend the 2 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting at the Mission College Conference Center on October 6 in order to protect \$6.6 million in benefits.

Hillel Events Calendar: Hillel presents "Reggae Under the Sukkah," a city-wide dance at the University of Judaism on Saturday, October 2, at 9 p.m. Call Hillel at (818) 887-5901 for further information.

New Hours for EOPS Students: The Extended Opportunities Programs and Services office is now open Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. as well as 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday

College+University Information Day: LAVC will be hosting its annual California University Day on October 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Monarch Quad area. The program provides guidance for transfer bound students. The Counseling office is available for scheduled and instant appointments Monday through Friday. For more information call (818) 781-1200 ext. 246

Black Student Union: BSU study lounge is open in the lion's den from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The BSU meets on Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Physical Access Law Workshop: A training workshop on physical access laws contained in ADA Americans with disabilities act and California Title 24 will be held at the Clausen Hall Student Center at Los Angeles City College from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 14, 1993.

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Ashley Kelley in rehearsal for One Act Theater

Honor Society seeks recognition

By GARRETT D. URIBE
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At a recent lunch outing, two students were discussing a flyer on the cafeteria bulletin board for the Tau Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. "What's this?" one of them asked. "A Greek fraternity for honor students?"

"Yeah," replied her friend, musing on this proposition. "Gee, what does their hazing ritual consist of, locking a freshman pledge in the trunk of a car with a 12-pack of pencils and not letting him out until he does all of his homework?"

Indeed. It is precisely this type of naive misconception that TAE president, Ella Archibeque, wishes to dispel.

"We must expand students' perception of what is successful," Archibeque said, lamenting a baffling dearth in 4 membership (1959-300 members, 1993-75 members; a little under 10 percent of those eligible to join).

Apparently, a great number of eligible students do not realize they are "honor society" material - a gross misconception which could, quite possibly, explain TAE's diminutive enlistment in recent years.

The only qualification, in fact, for admission to the "elite" club is a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better. And, in addition to looking good on one's resume, the club offers members the opportunity to participate in a wide array of campus activities and community-help projects, ranging from AIDS Project L.A., and the L.A. Mission homeless facility (both supported by TAE in previous years), to fund raising events for scholarship programs.

"The scholarship money goes to students who help out in the community-help drives," said Archibeque. "Those who participate accrue points - for instance, six points for doing a canned food drive - and are awarded a monetary figure according to their point totals, go toward tuition."

Archibeque also plans to organize a scholarship contest for LAVC neighbor, Grant High School, in which students can write essays and/or earn superior grades to compete for club-generated tuition monies.

For many club members, there are also substantial, more practical, fringe benefits to be reaped. Sophomore Jose Hernandez, a recent TAE member, abounds with enthusiasm over his newfound status. "In high school I was

ridiculed for being smart. Now, since I've joined the honor society, I feel powerful and respected. And, oh boy, the girls - they are so intellectual! I shall find my bride here."

But still, there seems to be many qualified students reluctant to join the venerable academic club, for reason unknown (be they political, slothful, or just plain uninformed).

It is mystifying to Archibeque. "We have such great resources to broaden growth. Our minority membership is terribly low; not at all representative of the student populace."

With a majority of the qualified minority student base in absentia, TAE membership is at a fraction of its potential, and the glorious days of yore are but a distant figment. But not for long, it seems, if the stately and confident Archibeque can rouse enough support to carry out her ambitious agenda.

"We were once a highly prestigious organization, and still are as far as I'm concerned," the TAE president said. "We have a busy calendar ahead, and I expect full support."

TAE's 1993 program is in full-swing, and with member participation cranked up to high gear, this promises to be a banner year for the Honor Society.

One act plays on bill in Shoebox

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
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The Theater Arts Department is featuring one act plays, prior to it's larger productions this semester. Student produced and directed, these shows are part of the Theater Arts Lab Theater Program, and are designed to give student actors stage experience.

The first production at the Shoebox Theater, "Because we could; Killer monologues for no apparent reason," stars Kelly Ashley, Kenny Lampson, and Jeff Croot, who is also directing.

Kelly does a monologue as a 'good 'ole girl' accusing Elvis Presley of being a homo-sexual,

and breaking up her marriage. Directed by Croot, the production is a highly charged project for the Theater Arts Lab.

Croot says students should check out this production "for the originality of the subject matter."

In one of the monologues a woman research chemist forces a would-be mugger to castrate himself at gunpoint, with her father's straight-edge razor.

This series of one act plays will be Croot's sixth production he has directed here at Valley.

Dr. Joe Daccurso, Department Chairman for the Theater Arts Department, encourages students to attend "not only because they are entertaining but (because) they give the student actors an audience."

For some of the student actors, this will be their first time on stage.

The Theater Arts Department has three stages, the largest being the Little Theater, the mid-sized stage is the Horseshoe Theater, and the smallest, the Shoebox, where the one act plays will be performed.

All students are encouraged to come by and check out the show.

Performances are free and will run Friday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 2 at 8:00 p.m. only.

The Shoebox Theater is located in the southeast corner, room 101 of the Theater Arts building. For more information call 781-1200 extension 352 or 354.



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Robert Isreal plays opera transcriptions at last Thursday's recitals

Israel demonstrates fine technique

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
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Robert Israel's performance in the Music Recital Hall was attended by an enthusiastic crowd of students and fans.

Israel played a selection of opera tunes arranged for piano.

The opening piece, "The Dance of the Blessed Spirits", from the opera, "Orfeo ed Euridice", had an unusually interesting arrange-

ment originally intended for the voices of chanting monks at a funeral.

Known for his interest in obscure works, Israel is also famous for his silent film accompaniment on organ.

Throughout the program Israel demonstrated great technique, while incorporating some soul into the fireworks.

The show came to a climax with "The Funeral March and Cavatina" from the opera "Lucia

eli Lammermoor", written by Gaetano Donizetti and transcribed by Franz Liszt.

The programs the music department has arranged have been planned with a great deal of variety and will be presenting regular, free Thursday performances at the Music Recital Hall located in the Music Building.

Regular listings will appear in the entertainment calendar. For more information call 781-1200 ext. 346.

Entertainment Calendar

Week of September 30 - October 7

Music: Violinist, *Judith Aller* and pianist, *Sergey Silivanskiy*, Thursday, September 30, Music Recital Hall, 11:00 a.m. Free Admission.

Film: LAVC *Filmex*, Wednesday, October 6, *Dead Poets Society*, starring Robin Williams, Robert Sean Leonard, Norman Lloyd. Time: 1:30 p.m., Behavior Science 101. Free Admission.

Club: *Hillel*, Wednesday, October 6, Sukkot Celebration. Music and refreshments. Location: Monarch Square. Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bring canned food goods.

General: LAVC *Museum*, Monday, October 4, lecture on history of North Hollywood, "Where it's been, and where it's going." Time: 3:00 p.m., in the Campus Cafeteria Conference Room. Free Admission.

Art: Mask Extravaganza, "A Cross-Cultural Introduction to Masks and Masking", lecture by Professor of History Eugenia Sumnik-Dekovich, Thursday, September 30, 4:30 p.m. Location: Art Building, Room 101

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Los Angeles Valley College police officer Gail Tam has his work cut out for him. Tam serves as South Coast Air Quality Management District Representative, for LAVC. Tam works along side with LAVC Police Captain Karl Traber.

Tam and Traber take their job seriously. They are presently working on a program to incorporate faculty ridesharing into all staff members daily schedule.

The program was submitted on June 19 of this year to the Air Quality Management District, commonly known as the AQMD, a air pollution control agency operating in a four county region. The agency covers Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and the non-desert portions of San Bernardino counties.

Tam and Traber are currently waiting for approval on the plan. However if the plan is not approved by the AQMD fines may be imposed, although Tam and Traber will be allowed time to meet AQMD regulations by altering their proposal. If changes are rejected they would have another chance to draw up a different proposal. If AQMD still refuses the changes it's possible for them to shut down the campus until requirements are met.

Staff members are asked by Tam and Traber to contact the LAVC police office to be paired with someone in their community. Since the program has yet to be finalized, Traber can offer faculty and staff the luxury of the parking area of their choice, anywhere on campus. If any staff member is interested in walking or riding their bikes, they will provide showers, and lockers in addition to added bike racks around campus.

Both men are proud to be involved with the AQMD and are state certified. Tam has invested a lot of time and energy researching the affects of air quality on both adults and children.

Tam and Traber are in contact with the AQMD on a daily basis,



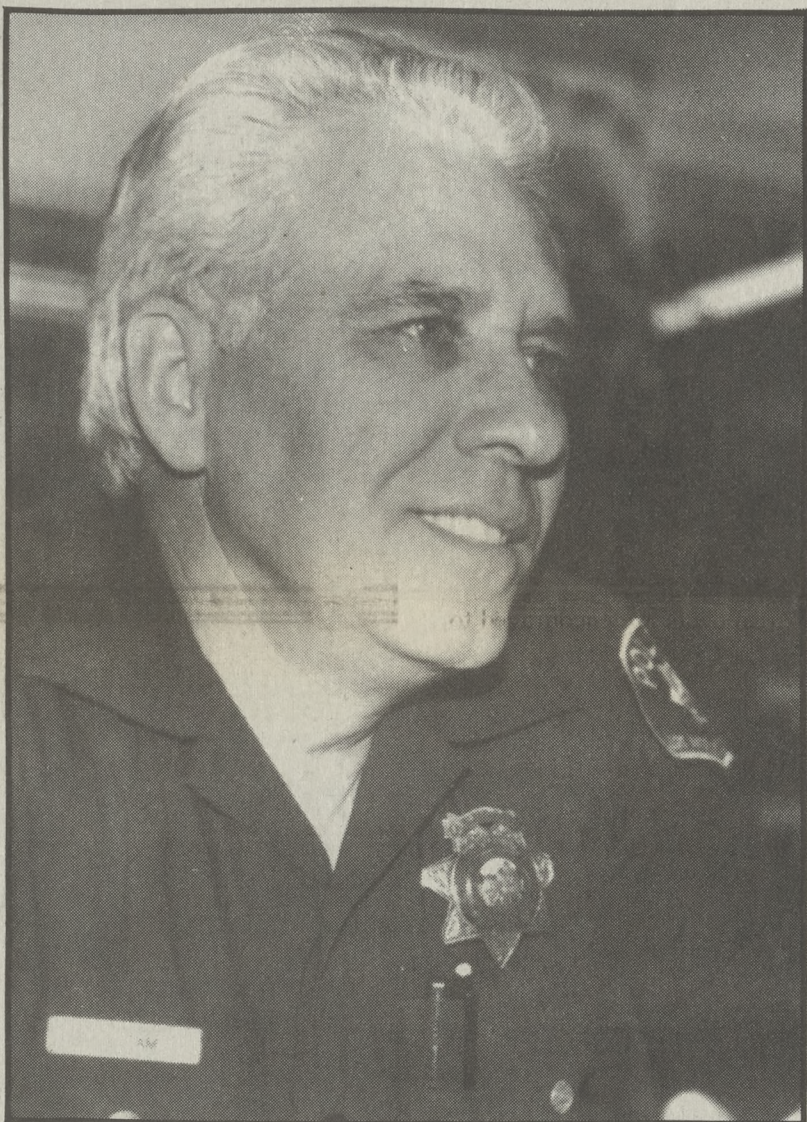
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Student Steve Pemberton walks from his car parked at the far end of crowded parking lot C.

via a radio used expressly to receive smog reports for the following day. This radio allows them to prepare the campus for the effects of coming days air quality.

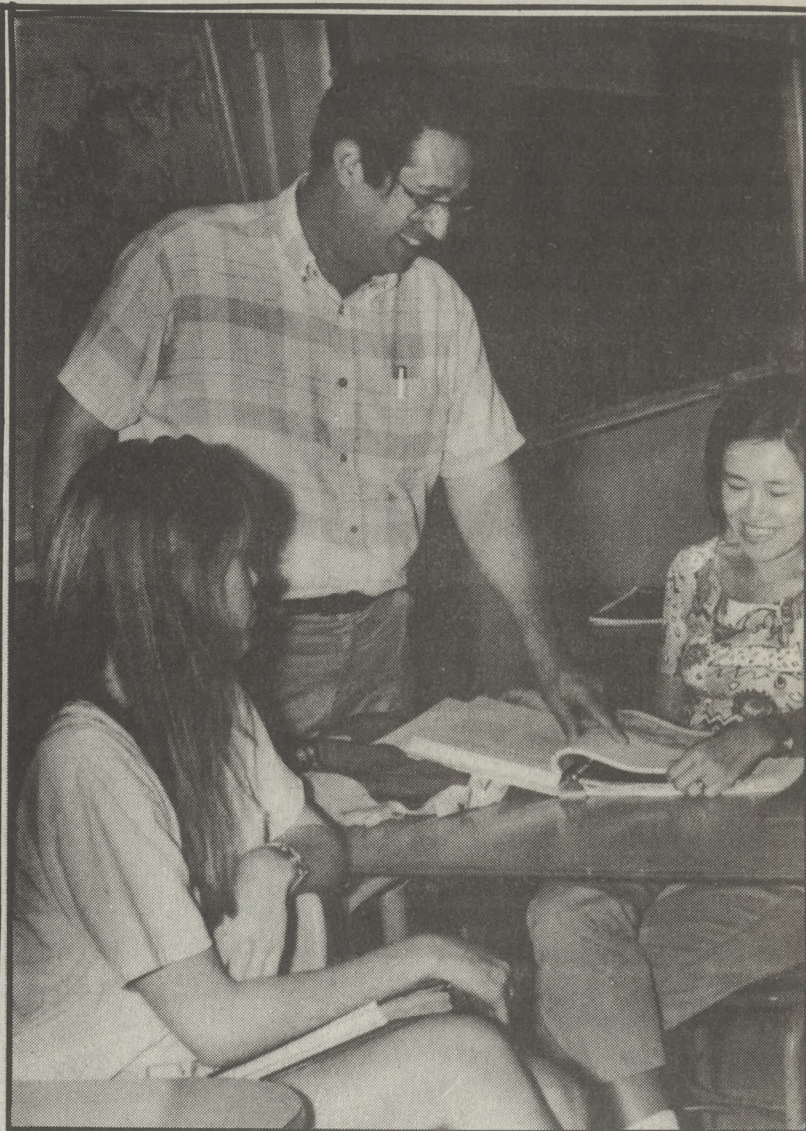
On extremely bad air quality days, a flag flying on Valley's ASU flag pole located between Campus center and the Humanities building, alerting students and staff to potential hazards. The flags are three different colors matching the three most dangerous air quality stage alerts. A yellow flag signals a stage one smog alert, which is very unhealthy for everyone. The AQMD recommends that on stage one days everyone should avoid outdoor activities. A second stage alert can be recognized by an orange flag, showing very unhealthy air, and the recommendation that people participate in no outdoor activities. A third stage smog alert, can be recognized by a red flag, on these days the AQMD recommends everyone should stay indoors.

Both Traber and Tam hope that in the next few months that both staff and students will become involved with the rideshare program. Tam has placed extensive transportation information in the Business Office with RTD, Dash and Metrolink routes.



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Officer Gail Tam, the South Coast Air Quality Management District representative, at his desk in the police bungalow.



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Angus MacDonald's geography class solving student Young Kim's homework problem.

A hands-on instructor

By S.L. SALAMONE
Valley Star Staff Writer

He's traditional, he loves teaching and he said, "I like the people I work with. I'm happy here." Angus MacDonald, professor of geography, has been teaching Earth Science since 1963. Named after a Scottish grandfather, MacDonald studied Geomorphology, (the study of landscapes,) at California State Northridge. He met Richard Raskoff there, also an Earth Science professor. "I've known Dick Raskoff for years. We worked in the same curators office." MacDonald started work in the geographic field as a map curator, but he changed occupations and started as a substitute teacher and then he was hooked.

MacDonald says that he loves the variety, the ethnic diversity of community college and he says that students keep him fresh. He refers to himself as a traditional teacher, more comfortable with a structured approach. He says he really enjoys lab because he gets to

know his students.

In the Earth Science Department Richard Raskoff is not the only instructor to sponsor field trips. MacDonald does as well, though open only to his students, he says, "I prefer interested, committed students, though I never discourage anyone." This semester, overnight camping trips to Dumont Sand Dunes and Mitchell Caverns for fossil gathering are planned. MacDonald says field trips really give students a hands on appreciation of geology.

He's taking some of his best students to Western Utah which he says is a gold mine for trilobite fossils. He's really excited about this trip.

While happy teaching here, MacDonald says the budget restrictions have left the department, "terribly outdated." To make his point MacDonald displays an inflatable, rubber globe with areas of land marked French West Africa and the Belgian Congo. Despite this MacDonald says, "I can't imagine retiring. I just love it (teaching) so much."

Don Graham-the man behind the student body

By ANDREA DUNN
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For those of you who don't already know, Donald (Don) Graham is Associated Student Union president. Enrolled in college on, as Graham said, "the three year plan," he is in his third semester and is majoring in both political science and speech communications.

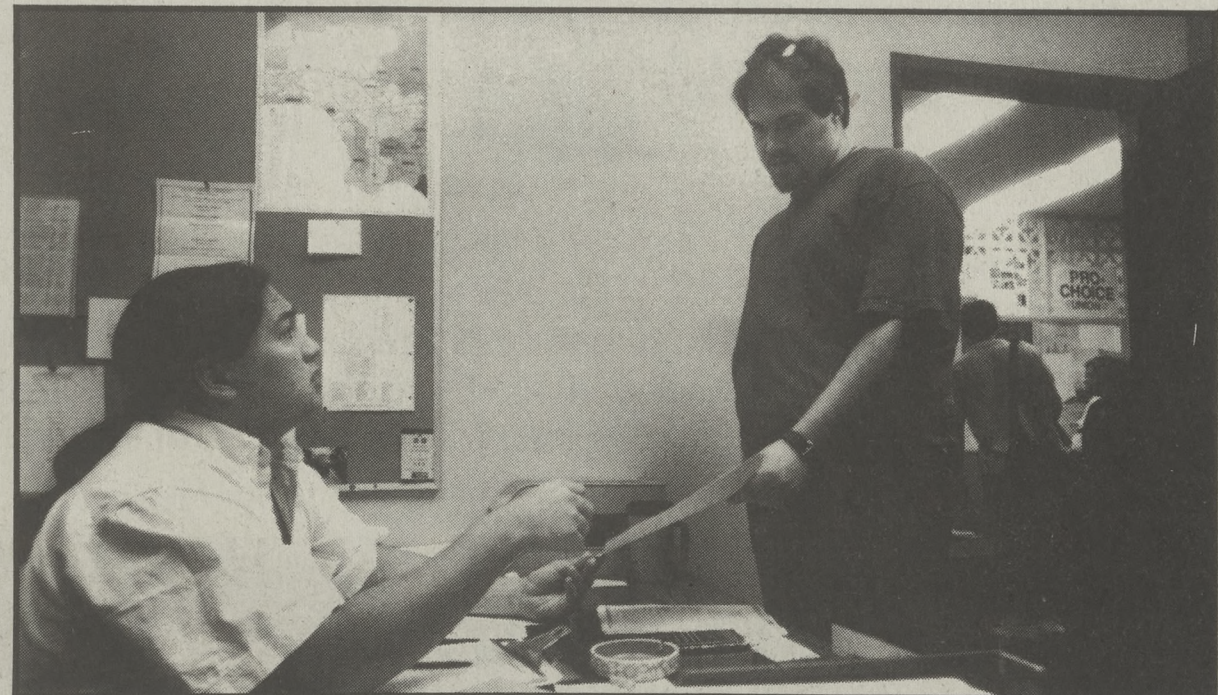
As first time president of the school, Graham says, "It's stressful but I enjoy it." His role as a member of the college council is to represent student interests and make sure student rights are protected. Graham also said that as president he often acts as mediator in the internal politics of the college, a function which the average student is not aware of, he added.

Since he has been in office, Graham has been instrumental in pushing through the legislature, a bill that would aid in politically empowering students. The bill, 1380, would enable students to register to vote upon admission to college. In addition, it would create polling

places on college campuses and encourage a more active student-voter turnout. Graham said that in the past, students have been looked at as, "flakes" by politicians. He said that if more students turn out to vote, the pressure on politicians to meet student needs would increase.

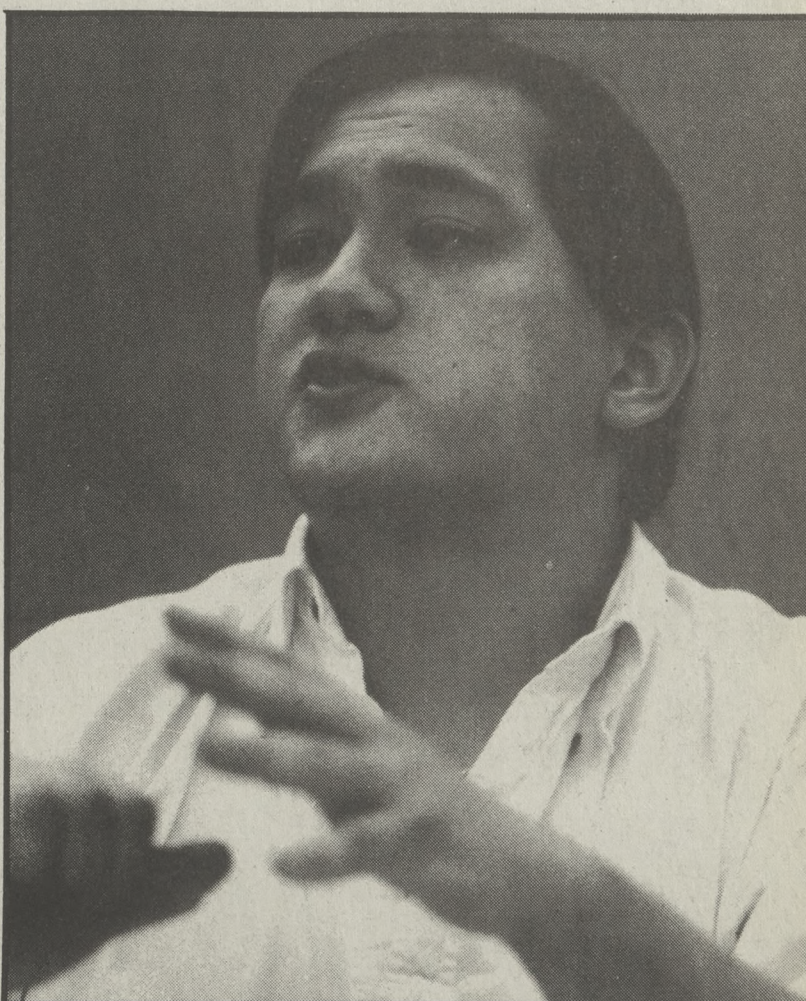
The bill, sponsored by state legislator, Gwen Moore, is now in the hands of Governor Pete Wilson. With approximately 2.3 million students enrolled in college, Graham said this could create a powerful voice for the future of education.

Born in Manhattan, New York, Graham is part Chinese, Phillipino, Scottish, English and German or as Graham himself says, "a mutt." In his free time he enjoys baseball, reading and just hanging out with a, "tight group of friends."



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ASU President Don Graham (left) and Commissioner of Fine Arts Andrew Grim talk about plans for a haunted house this Halloween.



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Don Graham during an Associated Student Union meeting

Monarchs recover just in time to win

By HAROLD BROWN
Valley Star Staff Writer

Fairy tales and story book endings, this game had it. A sweet victory spice with dramatics, this game had it. A wish and a belief can come true if you believe enough and this game had it.

Belief is an attitude. Belief is a persona and this is the Valley players. The flip side of belief is unbelief and this game had it. This was the Glendale persona. Theatrics, this game had it.

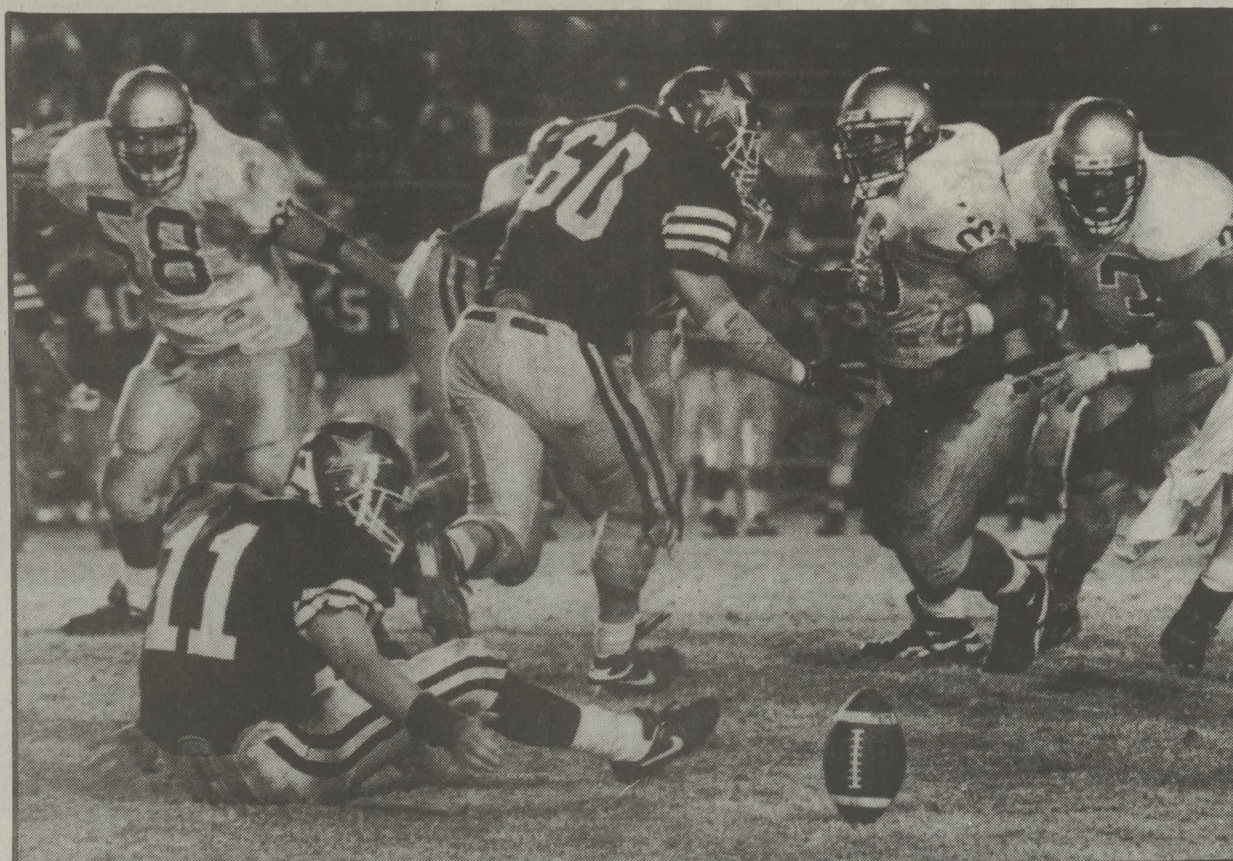
"Our backs were against the wall and we didn't give up," said head coach Fenwick. Final score Valley 23, Glendale 16. Let's set the drama. Stage; John Burroughs High School. Lights; Thursday night. Action; the last touchdown with only seconds on the clock bought to you by Mel Brooks Productions.

Picture this, Glendale has the ball on their 46 yard line running out the clock. The quarterback has a snap count in mind and the center is thinking about going to Disneyland.

Oops there it is, the ball is on the ground-fumble-Valley recovers. This good fortune has bought another a penalty against Glendale for unsportsmanlike conduct. The ball is placed on the Glendale 32 yard line but there is only 23 seconds left on the clock. Hip hop hooray.

"I know I could beat them all night," Brian Bernier, said. The play, an inside route Bernier broke to the outside and Sean Fitzgerald hit Bernier with the pass-touchdown.

Receiving the opening kick off Valley starting from their 29 yard



Bob LaCattiva/Valley Star

Glendale quarterback Chris Ray line with surgical precision marched methodically down the field for the first score. Seven plays, 3:30 minutes had the look of an easy game. The first pass to Brian Bernier led to the 30 yard touchdown pass to Brian Comer.

"Our defense played a hell of a game," said Doran Cates, assistant coach. No where was it more apparent than the first and last series of the game.

Irving Carter, on the first play after the punt took a hand off, ran 48 yards over and through tacklers to the Glendale 19 yard-line.

Early signs of self-destruction were visible, on third down and goal, Glendale sacked Fitzgerald for a loss, Valley had to settle for a 20 yard field goal that made the

fumbled the snap, setting up the Monarchs' win.

score 10-0. Starting from the Vaqueros 26 yard line the running game picked up with Pathon Rucker during the heavy road work and quarterback Chris Ray completing passes to keep the drive alive.

The Monarchs tough goal line defense forced the Vaqs to settle for a 12 yard field goal and a 10-3 Valley lead with :37 seconds left in the first quarter.

The second quarter was a game of "hot" potato which team had the "hot" potato. Valley fumbled; Glendale recovered. Glendale fumbled; Valley recovered. Again, Valley fumbled; again, Glendale recovered.

The second half ended about the same way it started with a comedy

of errors and Valley leading 10-3.

The Vaqueros stormed 80 yards with the second half kick off on the running of Casey and Rucker, to scored with 8:30 on the clock. Mike Sievia's line drive kick tied the score at 10-10.

The Monarchs responded with 1:53 left in the third quarter on a score by Fitzgerald from the one line. The point after was wide. Valley 16 and Glendale 10.

The Vaqs mounted another drive tying the score at 16-16. "The bottom dropped out when the ball was left on the ground," said Keith Johnson, running back coach for Glendale. We were thinking pass to run out the clock he added.

Polo team victorious

The LAVC water polo team swam past Mt. SAC easily in their meeting last Friday, 23-13.

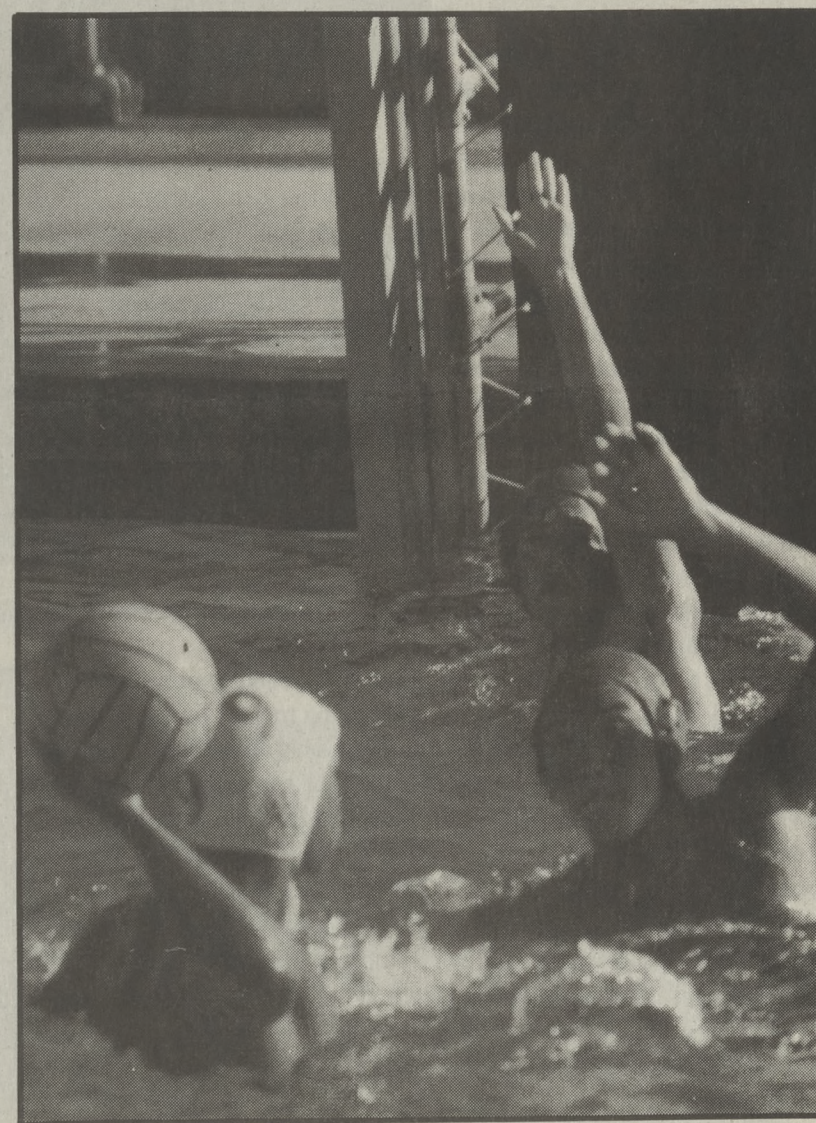
The Monarchs completely outswam Mt. SAC and put the game out of reach after the first quarter. At one point in the opening period LAVC had built a 10-1 lead. 10 different players scored for the Monarchs. Bruce Park and Jeff Bissell led the game with four goals each. Erin Fish and the team's captain, Josh Fehring each got

three goals.

"We really needed this win for our confidence," said Coach Bill Krauss. Bissell leads the team with 14 goals and Fehring is number one in the assist department, also with 14.

On Thursday the Monarchs will play two games in the Ventura Mini-Tourney, and on Friday they will meet the LAVC Alumni at 7 P.M.

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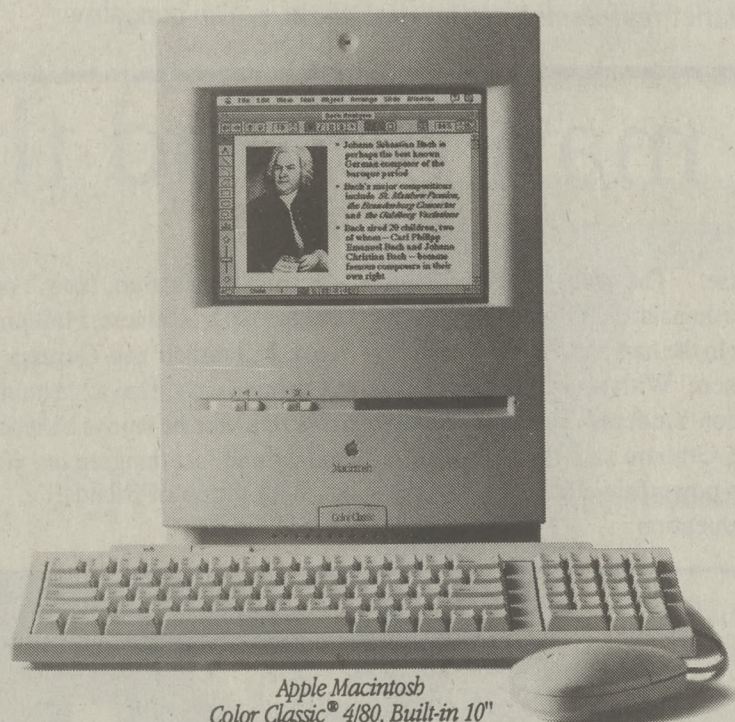


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Bruce Park (front) and Brian Heany (back), show awesome defense against Mt. Sac, that contributed to a 23-13 victory.


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